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Terrorists Request Some Pho With Those Grenades

The Indian military has a new weapon against terrorism: the world's hottest chili. Defense officials announced Tuesday that the military will use the "bhut jolokia," or "ghost chili," to make tear gas-like hand grenades to immobilize suspects. The bhut jolokia was accepted by Guinness World Records in 2007 as the world's spiciest chili. (AP)

Charitable Organizations Embrace the Atkins Diet

Someone has dumped hundreds of breads, bagels and buns along a river in Muncie, Ind. City police Sgt. Bruce Qualls said the baked goods are Panera Bread products, and that restaurant managers are looking into what happened. The unsold baked goods are usually given each day to charitable organizations. (AP)

Jesus, on the Other Hand, Loves Carbs



The food depicted in paintings of the Last Supper has grown over the last millennium, researchers reported in a medical journal Tuesday. The study authors compared the size of the food to the size of the heads in 52 paintings of Jesus Christ and his disciples. The main dish grew 69 percent, the size of the plate grew 66 percent, and the bread grew 23 percent between the years 1000 and 2000. (AP)

The Big Picture

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THIRTY-ONE NUDE STATUES have been placed on rooftops and sidewalks surrounding New York City's Madison Square Park (this one's on top of the Flatiron Building). The life-size figures are the creations of British artist Antony Gormley; the display is called "Event Horizon" and will run until Aug. 15. (EXPRESS)

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Health Bill Becomes Law

In spirited ceremony, president puts final stamp on legislation

Washington

Claiming a historic triumph that could define his presidency, a jubilant President Obama signed a nearly \$1 trillion health care overhaul Tuesday that will for the first time cement insurance coverage as the right of every U.S. citizen.

After more than a year of hyper-partisan struggle, Obama declared “a new season in America” as he sealed a victory denied to a line of presidents stretching back more than half a century. Democratic lawmakers cheered him on, giving the White House signing ceremony a rally-like atmosphere as they shouted and snapped photos.

Aside from the huge changes in store for many Americans, the White House hopes the victory will revitalize an Obama presidency that has been all but preoccupied with health care for his first year and three months in office.

The reshaping of one-sixth of the U.S. economy, to be phased in over several years, ranks among the biggest changes ever devised by Washington. Indeed, that was a main complaint from Republicans



With Democrats looking on, President Obama signs the health care bill into law Tuesday in the East Room of the White House.

“Today we are affirming that essential truth ... that we are not a nation that scales back its aspirations.”

— PRESIDENT OBAMA, IN REMARKS DELIVERED MOMENTS BEFORE HE SIGNED THE LANDMARK HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL THAT THE HOUSE PASSED ON SUNDAY.

who characterize the measure as a costly, wrongheaded government power grab.

Democrats, led by Obama, celebrated a “new wind at our backs”

from an achievement accomplished after more than a year of high tension and deep division.

“Our presence here today is remarkable and improbable,”

Obama said, his grin wider than any in recent memory. “It’s been easy at times to doubt our ability to do such a big thing, such a complicated thing.”

At a second celebration later in the day, he said, “After a century of striving, after a year of debate, after a historic vote, health care reform is no longer an unmet promise. It is the law of the land.”

JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)



A Note for Kennedy

The political odyssey of health care reform is the story of the late senator Ted Kennedy, and as President Obama signed the bill into law Tuesday, Kennedy’s grave site was a place of quiet celebration and poignant reflection. Kennedy’s youngest son, Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy, D-R.I., visited Monday morning and left a handwritten note, above, that read: “Dad, the unfinished business is done.” Kennedy championed health care reform in the Senate. (AP)

Calorie Counts

A little-known requirement tucked into the health care reform bill that President Obama signed Tuesday will make calorie counts impossible for many restaurants to hide and difficult for consumers to ignore. More than 200,000 fast-food and other chain restaurants will soon have to include calorie counts on menus under new rules to be written by the Food and Drug Administration. (AP)

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Bailout Pay Limits Are Imposed

Salaries capped for execs at companies still receiving aid

Washington

The Obama administration's pay czar said Tuesday that the top 25 earners at five companies still receiving extraordinary aid from the government's bailout fund will be paid an average of 15 percent less in 2010 than in 2009 under his restrictions.

The companies include troubled automakers General Motors Co. and Chrysler Group LLC, and insurance giant American International Group.



Pay czar Kenneth Feinberg is monitoring the companies that received bailouts.

Pay czar Kenneth Feinberg also said he is asking 419 companies that received bailout money to provide details of compensation


they received at the height of the financial crisis at the end of 2008 and in early 2009.

Feinberg's announcement was the administration's latest effort to deal with public outrage over bonus payments provided to executives at companies receiving billions of dollars in taxpayer support.

Detailing the 2010 pay rules, Feinberg said cash salaries would be capped at \$500,000 for 82 percent of the top 25 executives at the five firms. These executives would have to receive any further compensation in stock. Feinberg is seeking to link the executives' decisions more closely to the success of their companies.

MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

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Judge: Student's Rights Violated

Miss. school nixed prom after lesbian asked to bring a girl

Jackson, Miss.

A Mississippi school district violated a lesbian student's rights by banning her from bringing her girlfriend to the prom, a federal judge ruled Tuesday, but he stopped short of forcing the district to hold the event.

U.S. District Judge Glen H. Davidson denied an American Civil Liberties Union request for a preliminary injunction that would

have forced the Itawamba County school district to sponsor the April 2 prom and allow Constance McMillen to escort her girlfriend and wear a tuxedo.

Davidson did say he will hold a trial on the issue later, but he did not set a date and any ruling would likely come too late to force the district to hold the prom when it was originally scheduled.

Davidson's order says the district violated McMillen's constitutional rights by denying her request to bring her girlfriend and wear a tuxedo, and ACLU Mississippi legal director Kristy Bennett called that a victory.



Constance McMillen sued her school district after it canceled the prom.

ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP FILE

McMillen first approached school officials about bringing her girlfriend in December and again in February. Same-sex prom dates had been banned in the past, but she had hoped school officials would grant her request.

"I wanted to let them know how it made me feel. I felt like I couldn't go to the prom," McMillen testified.

District officials said they felt not hosting the prom was the best decision "after taking into consideration the education, safety and well-being of our students." Superintendent Teresa McNeece called it "a no-win situation." (AP)

EXPIRATION DATES



The Federal Reserve issued new rules on Tuesday to protect Americans from being stung by unexpected fees or restrictions on gift cards. Under the rules, consumers must have at least five years to use the gift cards before they expire. The Fed also says service or inactivity fees can be imposed only under certain conditions. The rules take effect on Aug. 22. (AP)

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In Brief



People help a woman whose child was fatally stabbed in Nanping, China.

BEIJING

Attacker Fatally Stabs Eight Children at School

A former medical worker allegedly stabbed to death eight young children and wounded five others Tuesday in a bloody rampage outside an elementary school in Nanping, China. The attacker struck in the morning as students arrived for classes, witnesses said. (AP)

GENEVA

CERN to Attempt Record Collision Next Week

Operators of the world's largest atom smasher said Tuesday they will try in a week to collide proton beams at record-high energy in a new bid to discover secrets of the universe. The European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, says beams have been circulating in the Large Hadron Collider at 3.5 trillion electron volts since Friday. (AP)

AACHEN, GERMANY

Court Convicts Former Nazi of WWII Killings

A German court on Tuesday convicted an 88-year-old of murdering three Dutch civilians as part of a Nazi hit squad during World War II, capping six decades of efforts to bring the former Waffen SS man to justice. Heinrich Boere was given life in prison for the 1944 killings. (AP)

SAN'A, YEMEN

Yemeni Clerics Oppose Ban on Child Brides

Some of Yemen's most influential Islamic leaders have declared supporters of a ban on child brides to be apostates. The religious decree, issued Sunday, imperils efforts to make it illegal for those under the age of 17 to marry. (AP)

Beijing Counters Google's Move

China censors some search results found via Hong Kong site

Beijing

China began blocking results for sensitive searches on Google's Hong Kong-based Web site Tuesday, after the Internet search giant said it would redirect users from the mainland to the Hong Kong site in an effort to avoid Chinese censorship.

Searches on Google.com.hk for subjects such as the banned spiritual sect Falun Gong or Tiananmen 64 — shorthand for the June 4, 1989, crackdown on student-led protests in Beijing — produced a blank screen or an error message on a computer in Beijing, the Chinese capital. Early in the morning, results were generated, but the links were blocked.

Other signs were mounting that China was intent on punishing the Internet giant for its bold but risky decision to publicly confront China's policy of limiting the free flow of information.

A Hong Kong company called TOM Online announced it had stopped using Google's search mechanism. And two state-owned mobile



A man leaves an apple on the Google logo outside the offices of the Internet giant's headquarters in Beijing, China, on Tuesday.

Separate, Unequal

Google's decision to send mainland Chinese to Google.com.hk could reveal to mainland Chinese that the government has effectively operated a parallel set of unequal Internet universes. Mainland Chinese have been prevented from seeing vast segments of cyberspace while Hong Kong citizens — beneficiaries of Beijing's "one country, two systems" policy — have unfiltered access. (TWP)

phone companies — China Mobile, with 500 million users, and China Unicom, China's second-biggest — were also believed to be rethinking their contracts with Google.

Google said Monday that it would stop censoring search results on its site in China, after two months of negotiations with Chinese authorities to determine whether Google could legally operate an unfiltered search engine in China.

The move drew an angry response in Beijing, where an un-

named official said that China had been patient with Google but that Google had nonetheless "violated its written promise" to censor search results, according to the state-run New China News Service.

"We're uncompromisingly opposed to the politicization of commercial issues and express our discontent and indignation to Google for its unreasonable accusations," said the official, a spokesman for the office of the State Council, China's cabinet. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

U.S. Pledges to Support Mexico's Drug War

Mexico City

A cast of senior U.S. security officials pledged long-term support for Mexico's drug war while acknowledging Tuesday that an insatiable U.S. appetite for illegal narcotics is at the core of the problem.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who led the U.S. delegation, told the meeting that the drug cartels responsible for increasing violence in the border region are fighting not just Mexican military and law enforcement forces but also the United States.

"There is no question that they are fighting against both of our governments," she said, according to a copy of her closed-door remarks. "Tragically, that fact was underscored on March 13th," with the murders of two Americans and a Mexican affiliated with the U.S. consulate in Ciudad Juarez, Clinton said.

Clinton pledged U.S. efforts with Mexico and at home to reduce demand for drugs in the United States, and the flow of guns and drug proceeds to Mexico.

To send a message that the U.S.



Mexican Foreign Minister Patricia Espinoza talks with Hillary Clinton on Tuesday.

was serious about its pledge, it sent the Obama administration's most senior deputies — including Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen.

"Sending a delegation of this stature to Mexico shows our level of commitment to working with the Mexican government to help them combat this threat within their midst, and one that ultimately permeates into our country and becomes a threat to our citizens as well," said Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell. ROBERT BURNS (AP)

World

Britain Expels Israeli Diplomat

Officials link Israel to forged passports in Hamas killing plot

London

Britain took the extraordinary step Tuesday of expelling an Israeli diplomat for the first time in more than 20 years, after concluding there was compelling evidence that Israel was responsible for the use of forged British passports in the plot to slay a senior Hamas operative in Dubai.

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said trust between the two countries had been badly dented, demanded formal assurances it never happen again and — in an unusual step — warned U.K. citizens their identity details may be at risk if they visit Israel.

Miliband told the House of Commons that the expelled diplomat, who has not been named, was removed after an investigation into the use of 12 fake U.K. passports in the Jan 20. slaying in Dubai.

“We have concluded that there are compelling reasons to believe that Israel was responsible for the misuse of the British passports,” Miliband said.

Britain’s Serious and Organized Crime Agency found the forged British passports were copies of authentic documents handed to Israeli officials for inspection either in Israel or other countries, Miliband said. He said the fakes were almost certainly “made by a state intelligence service.”

However, Miliband said Britain has drawn no conclusions about who is responsible for the killing of Hamas official Mahmoud al-Mabhouh.

Dubai authorities accuse Israel’s Mossad of carrying out al-Mabhouh’s killing in a hotel room. Israel has neither confirmed nor denied any involvement in al-Mabhouh’s death. **DAVID STRINGER (AP)**

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The number of people wanted by Interpol for the slaying of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh. Dubai authorities’ list includes at least 26 suspects.

French Rally Against Reforms



CLAUDE PARIS/AP

STEELWORKERS in Marseille, France, on Tuesday protest against job cuts and retirement reforms planned by French President Nicolas Sarkozy despite his party’s defeat in regional elections over the weekend. Mass strikes and approximately 180 protests hobbled public services across France.

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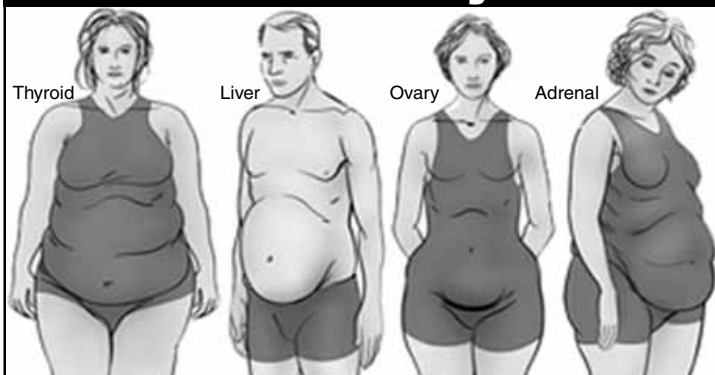
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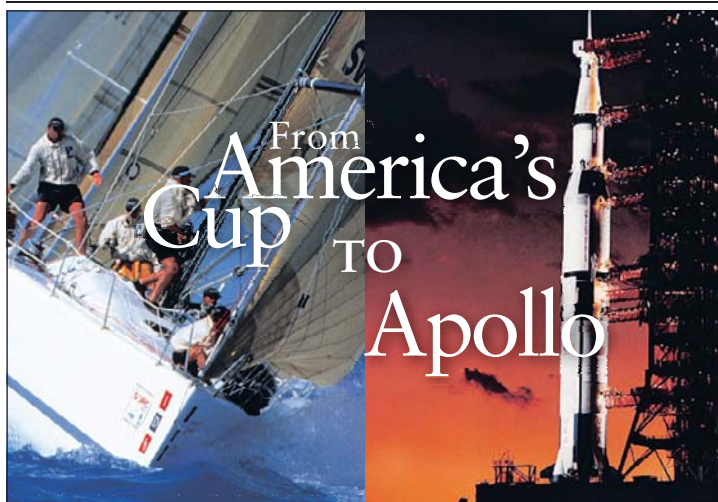
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World

Shark Protections Are Defeated

Japan, China oppose proposal to regulate trade of two species

Doha, Qatar

Japan and China on Tuesday torpedoed proposals to protect hammerhead and oceanic whitetip sharks — heavily sought for their prized fins — in the latest victory of fishing interests over global conservation efforts.

The defeat of the U.S.-backed measures was part of an aggressive campaign by the Asian nations to oppose all marine proposals at the 175-nation Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. In recent days, they also defeated an export ban on Atlantic bluefin tuna, a proposal to regulate the coral trade and a separate shark conservation plan.

Critics accused the countries



JOHN BAZEMORE/FILE/AP

Proposals to conserve the hammerhead shark were defeated on Tuesday.

of putting business and politics ahead of efforts to protect the sharks, which are often fished only for their fins, with their carcasses discarded.

The issue has taken on more urgency due to an increasing demand for shark fin soup as more Chinese families become wealthier. The soup has long played a part in traditional Chinese culture.

China, Indonesia and other

nations that benefit from the trade in shark fins joined the Japan-led opposition to the proposals arguing that trade restrictions would be difficult to apply. The proposals would have for the first time regulated the trade.

“Today is a huge loss for the oceans. This is a case of politics prevailing over science.”

— ELIZABETH GRIFFIN, FISHERIES CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR THE CONSERVATION GROUP OCEANA.

“This is not about trade issues but fisheries enforcement,” Masanori Miyahara, chief counselor of the Fisheries Agency of Japan, told delegates. “Poaching is a big problem. Small-scale long liners are chasing sharks all over the world.”

MICHAEL CASEY (AP)

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Tea Party activists insist Democrats will pay for passing health care reform

Tallahassee, Fla.

If you thought Tea Party activists were mad before, you ain't seen nothing yet.

Instead of being discouraged by the passage of health care reform, Tea Party activists across the country say the defeat is a rallying cry that makes them more focused than ever on voting out any lawmaker who supported the measure.

"We're not going to stop. Obviously, the whole Tea Party movement started because we're about smaller government and less spending and less taxes. There is absolutely no way we can pay for this," said Denise Cattoni, state coordinator for the Illinois Tea Party.

Cattoni says the health care defeat won't deflate activists. "We couldn't stop it because of the shenanigans that went on in Washington," Cattoni said. "People are definitely more driven today than they were yesterday."

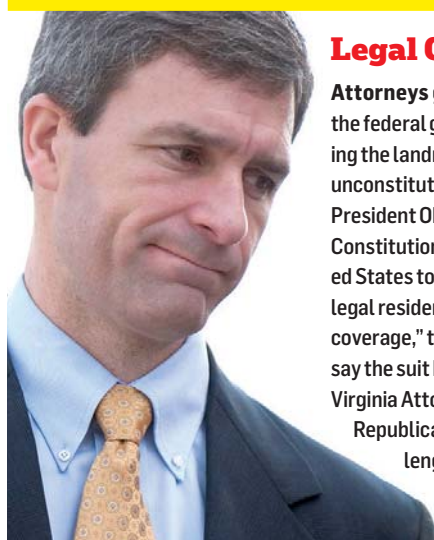
Within hours of the health care bill's passage, conservative commentators Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh — darlings of the Tea Party movement — were venting their anger, vowing a bloodbath at the polls on Election Day.

"We need to defeat these bastards. We need to wipe them out," Limbaugh said. "We need to chase them out of town."

Tea Party activists said they do not see passage of the reforms that usher in near-universal medical coverage as the end of the debate. Instead, they're looking to push for its repeal in the courts and during this year's elections.



Protesters hold signs during a tea party demonstration in opposition to the health care bill on Tuesday outside the office of Rep. Melissa Bean, D-Ill., in Schaumburg, Ill.



Legal Challenges

Attorneys general from 13 states sued the federal government Tuesday, claiming the landmark health care overhaul is unconstitutional just seven minutes after President Obama signed it into law. "The Constitution nowhere authorizes the United States to mandate ... that all citizens and legal residents have qualifying health care coverage," the lawsuit says. Legal experts say the suit has little chance of success. Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, a Republican, left, also filed a legal challenge to the bill Tuesday. (AP)

So far, the nascent movement has almost revealed in its rebellious and grassroots nature and has avoided becoming part of established political order. But some Tea Party organizers see the health care debate as a galvanizing force that could stir its followers to greater action with midterm elections this year.

In a conference call with Tea Party activists Monday night, Eric Odom of the Patriot Caucus mapped ambitious plans to set up state chapters, organize voters online and raise money to oust incumbents who supported the health care overhaul.

The government "has declared war on our way of life," Odom said.

There were similar reactions elsewhere.

"We will be more determined than ever to see that this country is governed the way the constitution intended," said Brenda Bowen, a Tea Party organizer in Greenville, Ala. "We are all getting our second wind. When we do, you'd better watch out."

While Tea Party activists have made themselves heard, University of North Florida political science professor Matthew Corrigan said the movement alone won't be enough to oust incumbents.

"Do they have energy? Yes. Have they been getting into the media? Yes, but they still haven't sold me on the fact that they can swing elections," Corrigan said.

BRENDAN FARRINGTON (AP)

"There's going to be a whole, all-out effort for an Election Day onslaught. The health care process has been an incendiary issue for the Tea Party organizations since Day One. Losing that vote is going to inflame them more."

— MICHAEL CAPUTO, A PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT WHO WORKS WITH MANY OF THE NASCENT TEA PARTY GROUPS THAT HAVE SPRUNG UP ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

A Transformation at White Flint

Montgomery County OKs plan to make area walk-friendly village

Rockville, Md.

The Montgomery County Council on Tuesday unanimously approved an ambitious plan to transform a huge chunk of Rockville Pike near White Flint into a vibrant, grand boulevard lined with small villages where residents can live, shop, walk and play.

The plan relies on a belief by public officials that at least half of the estimated 50,000 people who eventually would work and possibly



An artist's rendering shows the urbanization project at White Flint that is planned.

live in the area are willing to give up on cars for most of their travels.

The urbanization of White Flint is expected to transform 430 acres in the middle of suburban Montgomery County into a new downtown in the Washington region. It is the first, and potentially densest, phase of a broader remake of the Pike, and will stretch from White Flint to Shady Grove, creating a string of residences, commercial buildings and retail that would be 20 times larger than Tysons Corner in Northern Virginia. It also could bolster the county treasury by \$6 to \$7 billion in the next 30 years, according to official estimates. **MIRANDA S. SPIVACK (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

The Lotteries

Tuesday, March 23

District

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	6-7-0
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Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	5-7-3-5
Mid-day D.C. Five	8-6-5-9-1
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.)	7-5-3-5-5
Daily 6 (Mon.)	1-4-13-18-19-32 (10)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	3-9-0
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	8-9-4
Mid-day Pick 4	6-9-3-0
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	8-5-8-4
Match 5 (Mon.)	8-12-13-27-31 (3)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	0-9-7
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	9-5-9
Mid-day Pick 4	7-4-0-1
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	5-6-9-7
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	3-14-25-28-33
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Connected Cultures: Religious Traditions of the Middle East

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Panelists:

Imam Yahya Hendi, Muslim Chaplain, Georgetown University

Dr. Marc Gopin, Director of the Center on Religion, Diplomacy & Conflict Resolution (CRDC) at George Mason University

Rev. Dr. Clark Lobenstine, Executive Director of the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (IFC)

Moderator:

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Executive Director, Center for Civic Engagement and Dialogue, Los Angeles, CA.

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MARK GALL/TWP

Gilbert Arenas pleaded guilty to carrying a pistol without a license on Jan. 15.

Prosecutors Recommend 3 Months For Arenas

Washington

Prosecutors recommended on Tuesday that Wizards star guard Gilbert Arenas spend three months in jail for bringing guns into the Verizon Center locker room.

Prosecutors also proposed that Arenas serve three years' probation and perform 300 hours of community service. The recommendations came in a sentencing memo to the court that is required in most criminal cases. Arenas' formal sentencing is Friday.

In a scathing 61-page memo, Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher R. Kavanaugh wrote that his office is seeking jail time primarily because Arenas initially provided inconsistent stories about why he had the guns in the locker room and that he never showed any remorse for his actions.

"The defendant's conduct since the time of the incident establishes that he has shown little genuine remorse for anything other than how this incident may affect his career," Kavanaugh wrote.

Arenas pleaded guilty on Jan. 15 in D.C. Superior Court to a felony count of carrying a pistol without a license. **KEITH L. ALEXANDER**
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

D.C. Gives Up Expansion Plans for Police Force

The District of Columbia has abandoned plans to hire more police officers, and instead it is just replacing those who quit. Police Chief Cathy Lanier told a D.C. Council panel on Friday that the department has about 4,000 officers. She says that with the city's economy struggling, the force won't be able to expand to 4,200 as once promised. (AP)



D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier said the police department will not be expanding.

RICHMOND, VA.

Va. Vies For Ultra-Fast Google Network Test Site

Richmond and several other Virginia localities are vying for an ultra-fast Internet fiber-optic network powered by Google. The Internet giant is conducting a national search for at least one location in which to build and test fiber networks that would deliver Internet-connection speeds at 1 gigabit per second. The Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce is producing a video to post online to make its case for why Google should choose Richmond for its Fiber for Communities initiative. (AP)

BALTIMORE, MD.

Group: Md. Spent \$200K On Bottled Water in 2009

An advocacy group says the state of Maryland spent \$200,000 on bottled water in fiscal 2009. The group, Corporate Accountability International, released a report Tuesday titled "Getting States off the Bottle," calling on states to stop buying bottled water, which it says contributes to pollution and uses funds that could be spent on public water systems. The group says it examined spending in five states — Minnesota, Maryland, Colorado, New Mexico, and Oregon — and found bottled water spending ranged from \$78,000 to \$475,000. (AP)

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A 'Regular Game' for Two Stars

Ovechkin downplays importance of latest matchup vs. Crosby

The Capitals

Ask Alex Ovechkin about the mounting rivalry he shares with Sidney Crosby and immediately such hype is pinned as a creation of the media and fans. Facing the hated Penguins and Canada's golden boy is just another game against another opponent, Ovechkin says,

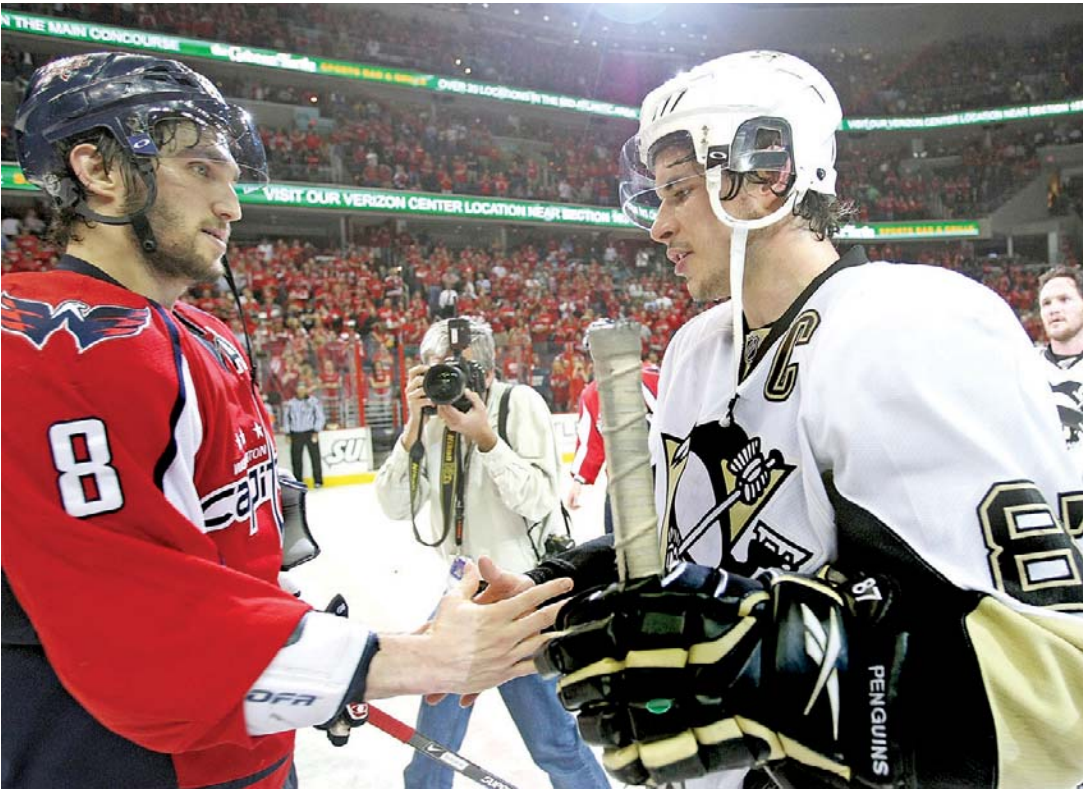


especially when it's still the regular season.

But when the two teams meet Wednesday night for the third time this season, all one has to do is look at results over the past 17 months to realize neither Crosby nor Ovechkin treats this series lightly. The two have been on the same sheet of NHL ice 13 times since the beginning of the 2008-09 regular season, and only once during that span has either failed to register a goal.

They've both scored in the same game six times — most memorably their dueling hat tricks in Game 2 of last year's Eastern Conference semifinals — and seven times one player has registered multiple goals against the other.

"Everybody makes too much, but we just play our game," Ovechkin said of himself and Crosby. "I



Alex Ovechkin and Sidney Crosby shake hands after the Penguins defeated the Capitals in Game 7 of last year's playoff series.

Head-to-Head

Since the 2008-09 season, Alex Ovechkin has dominated the regular season versus Sidney Crosby, who's fared better in the postseason.

SEASON	OVECHKIN	CROSBY
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Goals	9	8
Assists	4	6
Plus/Minus	+8	-7
PLAYOFFS	OVECHKIN	CROSBY
Record	3-4	4-3
Goals	8	8
Assists	6	5
Plus/Minus	+5	+4

think we both respect each other ... off the ice, but on the ice, we play for different teams and we play against each other. It's hockey."

Though both downplay the Crosby-versus-Ovechkin story line, the connection between the two is undeniable at this point. They will forever be linked as rivals, whether it's because of their proximity in age, their incredible skill level, their differing nationalities or circumstances that simply add fuel to hockey's biggest draw.

Not only are the Capitals and Penguins the top two teams in the Eastern Conference heading

into Wednesday's latest matchup, but Crosby and Ovechkin sit tied atop the NHL leaderboard with 45 goals apiece just one month after Crosby's Canadians won a gold medal by humiliating Ovechkin's Russian team, 7-3, in the quarterfinals of the Olympic tournament in Vancouver.

"It's just a regular game," said Ovechkin, who is 8-4-1 against the Penguins the past two years, though all four losses came in last year's playoff series. "But for media and fans, it's going to be [a] pretty big game like always. It's going to be fun to play." MARK GIANNOTTO

Capitals Players Interviewed After Steroids-Related Arrest

The Capitals

Investigators interviewed a number of Washington Capitals players Tuesday after a chiropractor with ties to the Washington Nationals and Capitals was arrested at his home in Reston earlier in the day

and charged with obtaining steroids and other illegal performance-enhancing drugs from an alleged steroids dealer in Lakeland, Fla.

A Washington Capitals trainer told detectives in an interview last fall he referred a number of past and present Capitals to Douglas

Owen Nagel, 50, but investigators have found no "conclusive evidence or proof" that Nagel has distributed steroids to any professional athletes, according Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd.

Judd, however, said detectives began interviewing current and for-

mer Capitals Tuesday who had been apparent clients of Nagel's. In a phone interview Tuesday, Judd declined to name the players, saying none was currently a target of the investigation. Judd said there were no plans to interview Nationals players.

AMY SHIPLEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

NFL Alters Overtime In Playoffs

Pro Football

The NFL's franchise owners voted Tuesday to ratify a proposal to change the sport's overtime format. The owners approved the measure, proposed by the NFL's competition committee, by a vote of 28-4 for postseason games only.

But they also will reconsider the measure at a May owners meeting in Dallas and possibly could use the new system for regular season games, too.

Buffalo, Minnesota, Baltimore and Cincinnati voted against the proposal.

Under the new system, the team that gets the ball first in overtime could win the game with a touchdown. If that team gets a field goal, the other club would have a chance to get a possession and tie the game with a field goal or win it with a touchdown. If that team gets a tying field goal, the game would proceed on a sudden-death basis.

MARK MASKE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Lineup

CAPITALS (7 P.M., CSN) Once again, it's Alex Ovechkin against Sidney Crosby as the Caps host the Pittsburgh Penguins.

WIZARDS (7 P.M., CSN+) The Wizards play out the string with a game against the Indiana Pacers.

NATIONALS (7 P.M., MASN) The Nats take on the Yankees in an exhibition game.

NIT HOOPS (7 P.M., 9 P.M., ESPN2) Virginia Tech battles Rhode Island and Illinois tips off against Dayton in the quarterfinals.

NBA (7 P.M., 9:30 P.M., ESPN) The Celtics host the Nuggets, and the Lakers visit the Spurs.

BASEBALL (1 P.M., ESPN) The Braves and Phillies have at it in Orlando, Fla.

N. Iowa: We're No Cinderella

Panthers try to shed label of underdog as they enter Sweet 16

Men's College Hoops

Northern Iowa coach Ben Jacobson is fine with the fact that the Panthers are one of the feel-good stories of the NCAA tournament. It's not entirely fair, though, to label Northern Iowa an underdog or upstart.

The Panthers have been one of the nation's top mid-major programs for nearly a decade, long before they ousted top-seeded Kansas 69-67 in the second round on Saturday.

"When hear you people, the media, still calling it a Cinderella and one of the biggest upsets ever, we don't really look at it like it was a miracle that we won the



Ali Farokhmanesh celebrates Northern Iowa's upset over Kansas on Saturday.

game. We feel like we compete with everybody," senior forward Adam Koch said.

Northern Iowa (30-4) has reached the NCAA tournament in five of the past seven years. All that was missing from its resume

until now was a victory.

Ninth-seeded Northern Iowa takes on fifth-seeded Michigan State (26-8) in the Midwest Region semifinals Friday in St. Louis.

"I think in some ways it certainly applies to what we're doing right

N. Iowa Facts

For those who've never been to Cedar Falls, here's some of what you need to know about Northern Iowa.

► It is a public school of about 13,000 undergrads in sleepy Cedar Falls, a small city surrounded by farms and neighboring Waterloo, about two hours northeast of Des Moines.

► Of interest to pop-culture buffs: It's where Julia Roberts' character hid out in the 1991 film "Sleeping With the Enemy."

► Sports fans might remember it as the place where NFL star Kurt Warner played his college ball.

now," Jacobson said of the Cinderella label. But, he added, "People who have seen us play, they have a lot of respect for what we've done over the course of the last seven years." **LUKE MEREDITH (AP)**

Ex-Spartans Great Cleaves Accused of DUI

Basketball

Former Michigan State basketball star and Detroit Pistons player Mateen Cleaves has been arrested on suspicion of drunk-driving.

Cleaves was a captain for Michigan State's 2000 NCAA championship team. Detroit drafted him in 2000 with the 14th pick overall. He also played for Sacramento, Cleveland and Seattle over six NBA seasons. He recently joined Fox Sports Detroit as a Pistons analyst.

The Genesee County sheriff's department says Cleaves was arrested Saturday in Mount Morris Township and jailed in nearby Flint, then released.

Defense lawyer Frank Manley says Cleaves drove because of an emergency involving his son. **(AP)**

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Sports

Bidwell in, Smith Out as Redskins Punter

Washington keeps its revolving door moving with signing

The Redskins

Josh Bidwell is the latest possible solution to the Washington Redskins' revolving door at punter. The Redskins signed the 34-year-old free agent on Tuesday. He becomes the only punter on the roster for a team that has used six

punters in regular season games over the last two years. Bidwell spent the last six years with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers but missed the 2009 season after having surgery on his right hip. He went to the Pro Bowl in 2005 and has a career average of 42.8 yards. Bidwell also played for the Green Bay Packers from 1999 to 2003, although he missed his entire rookie season because of testicular cancer. Hunter Smith had a 41.3-yard



Former Tampa Bay punter Josh Bidwell signed with the Redskins on Tuesday.

average as Washington's punter last season, but leg injuries forced him to miss three games. Sam Paulescu, Glenn Pakulak and place kicker Shaun Suisham filled in while Smith was hurt. Also Tuesday, tackle Stephen Heyer was awarded \$265,000 from the NFL's performance-based pay pool, which compensates players whose playing time was disproportionate to their salaries. Heyer started every game last season while making about \$467,000. (AP)

In Brief

BASEBALL
Mariners' Lee in Pain

Cliff Lee says he still feels some pain in his strained abdomen following his first on-field test of the injury. The 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner said Tuesday that his brief, light morning throwing session on flat ground went well and that the muscle feels much better. But he has no idea when he will be able to get on a mound again, making it possible he won't be ready when the season begins. (AP)

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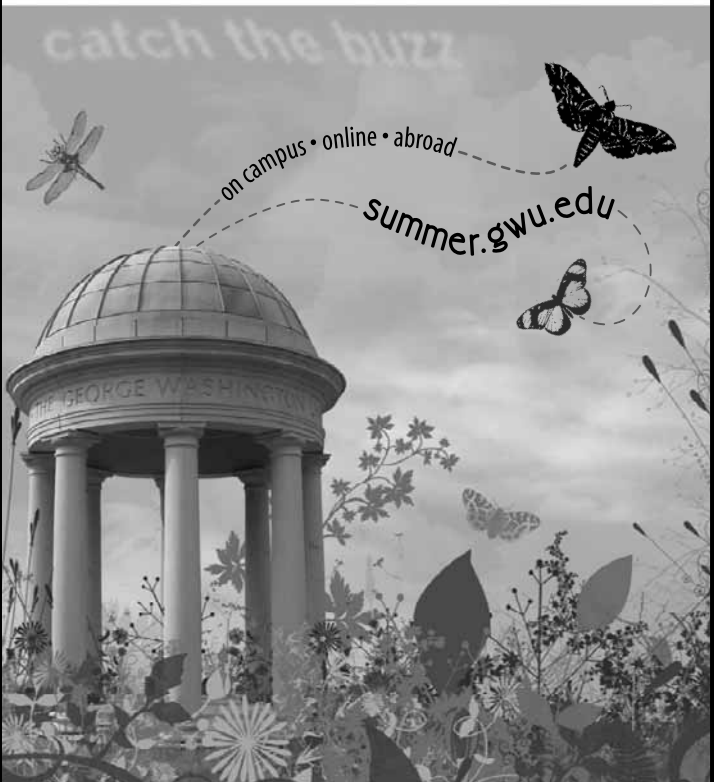
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Zydrunas Ilgauskas was released before playing a game for the Wizards.

PRO BASKETBALL
Ilgauskas Rejoins Cavs

Center Zydrunas Ilgauskas has signed to play the rest of the season with the Cleveland Cavaliers, who sent him to Washington at the trade deadline in a three-team deal that brought Antawn Jamison and Sebastian Telfair to the Cavaliers. Ilgauskas spent his entire career in Cleveland before the trade. He is averaging 7.5 points and 5.3 rebounds this season. (AP)

CAVALIERS HOOPS
Landesberg Going Pro

Virginia's suspended leading scorer Sylvan Landesberg is leaving school to pursue a professional career. Coach Tony Bennett said Tuesday that Landesberg won't complete the current semester. Earlier this month the sophomore guard was suspended for the rest of the season for failing to meet his academic obligations. (AP)

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Warming Trends

To the good citizens of D.C.:

Spring has arrived in our fair city, and along with it come cherry blossoms, legions of confused tourists and a list of seasonal fashion faux pas so long it could probably fill three columns. We shall shorten it to the most serious offenses, spotted in just the



By Betsy Lowther

past week. If you are — or someone you know is — a warm-weather fashion victim, it is time to seek style help.

Unkempt, overgrown toenails: Ladies, if you only get a pedicure once a year, now should be the time. Until then, please stop exposing your scary talons.

Yellow, crusty toenails: Dear men, pedis are not just for women.

Denim shorts on guys: No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no.

Flip-flops as daily commuter footwear: Seriously, your nice work suit looks supremely silly with rubber sandals flapping at your feet.

Strapless mini-sundresses: Ahem, it is only 70 degrees out there. Not 90.

Panty hose with open-toed shoes: Please just don't.

Bra straps under tank tops: There is a vast world of alternate supportive undergarments out there. Explore it!

Tube socks with bright white sneaks: Sorry, Dad. They've got to go.

What Falls Must Rise

'Mad Men' season three saw doors slam shut in Draper's life and windows fly open

DVD Review

In episode three of "Mad Men's" third season, Don and Betty Draper's daughter, Sally, is reading to her grandfather Gene from "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." When Don orders Sally to get ready for bed, Gene tells her, "You just wait. All hell's gonna break loose." How telling his words would be.

With swift moves during the season finale, creator Matthew Weiner broke everything open — delivering the series' most surprising and game-changing episode yet.

Viewers late to AMC's "Mad Men" can catch up now that season three is out on DVD. Centered on Don Draper (Jon Hamm), the head of creative at fictional Manhattan ad agency Sterling Cooper during the early '60s, the series has cemented itself as the best show on television.

Weiner has built a rich set of characters; their actions and mannerisms are so ingrained you almost know how they'll react to any situation. But nobody could have been entirely prepared for the shocking finale "Shut

the Door. Have a Seat." The episode marked the end of Sterling Cooper as it was. After Conrad Hilton (Chelcie Ross) informs Draper of McCann Erickson's bid to buy Puttnam, Powell and Lowe — Sterling Cooper's parent company — he hatches a plan to start a new agency.

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expressnightout.com ▶▶ Joanna Newsom finished up two nights of shows at Sixth & I yesterday; we have a review ▶▶ Zoëy Deschanel and M. Ward return with more quirky retro pop on She & Him's 'Volume Two' ▶▶ How did the 'American Idol' hopefuls fare last night? Get a recap at Expressnightout.com/idol

Queries

To Be Continued

Season three left us with burning questions about the upcoming fourth season. Mainly, we want to know: Will Betty and Don really get divorced? What's in store for Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce? And what will happen to the original Sterling Cooper? For speculation on the answers, and clips of the season's big moments, visit Expressnightout.com. (EXPRESS)

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AMC

RUDI GREENBERG (EXPRESS)



top stops

1 Required Reading
The popularity of Tim O'Brien's "The Things They Carried" in high schools means it introduced a lot of people to the concept of short fiction. You couldn't have a better intro. The seminal book about the Vietnam War is being rereleased, and the author will be speaking at Politics and Prose tonight. **F.Z. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919, Politics-prose.com. (Van Ness)**

2 Every Day Is Irish Day
You might think that there'd be a lull in Irish-themed events immediately post-St. Patrick's Day, but you'd be wrong. Solas Nua is bringing "Everything Between Us," a play about reconciliation in Northern Ireland, to Washington this week — maybe to remind us there's more to Irish history than green beer. **F.Z. Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; through Sun., \$20; 202-315-1317, Solasnua.org. (Gallery Place)**

3 Operatic Tragedy
Let us clarify: The series at the Kennedy Center entitled "Nights at the Opera" does not, in fact, include any operas. Instead, the three plays are all about opera. The first one — and the newest — is "Golden Age," which is set backstage at an opera company. It's long and a bit muddled, but Terrence McNally's trademark wit is certainly on display. **F.Z. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; through April 4, \$29; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)**



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CW
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PBS
8:00

Great Performances In "NY Export: Opus Jazz," a new adaptation of Jerome Robbins' 1958 "ballet in sneakers" is taken off the stage and placed in the landscapes that inspired it, filmed on location all over the five boroughs of New York.



BRAVO
10:00

Shear Genius The stylists are at the mercy of their rivals as they are ordered to choose tools and inspiration for one another in a challenge judged by celebrity stylist Mark Townsend. Townsend is joined by Allure editor in chief Linda Wells for the elimination round.

NBC
10:00



Law & Order: Special Victims Unit When a disabled woman is beaten and raped, her condition leaves her unable to speak, but Benson and Stabler think they know who is responsible. Quinton Aaron, left, guest-stars. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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CW
9:00

Most of this padded-out half-hour series about Virgin America flight attendants seems boring and sad. One stewardess is feeling her age after nine years in the sky and confesses to a ticking clock. Another woman rues the hours she cannot spend with her son. But, mainly, the flight attendants try to rub shoulders with Virgin corporate chief and billionaire Richard Branson.

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From the Greek

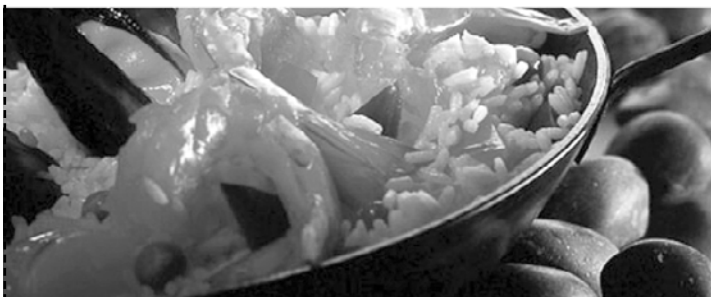
Made by siblings Joel and Ethan Coen, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (7:30 p.m., ABC Family) was loosely inspired by Homer's classic "The Odyssey." It puts three escaped convicts (George Clooney, John Turturro and Tim Blake Nelson) on the run from pursuers and toward considerable wealth. They seek a hidden treasure, but many complications arise. Also, the bluegrass soundtrack spawned a concert tour. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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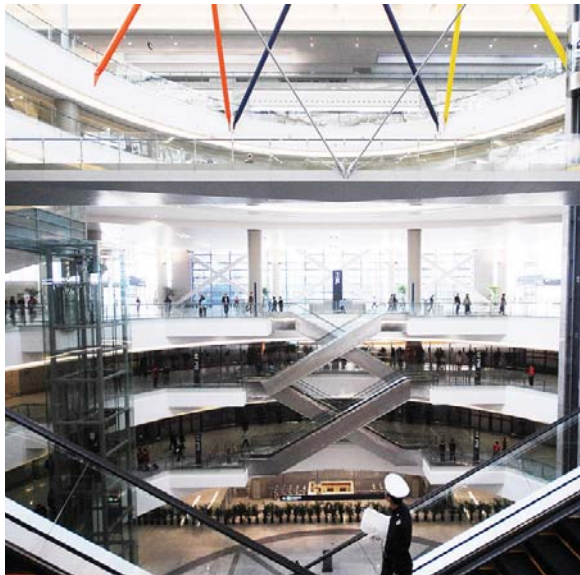
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70 million people are expected to visit the city's World Expo

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The huge international show-and-tell will showcase China's status as a world industrial power, giving Shanghai, its biggest city, a chance to show off its stunning transformation from crumbling factory town into modern global metropolis.

Visitors to the Shanghai World Expo are unlikely to find here the kinds of brand-new technologies, such as television, that debuted at world's fairs decades ago.

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Like the Beijing Olympics, the Expo will leave a legacy of new landmarks, including the 226-foot-high China Pavilion.

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Expo organizers have pledged to eventually end with a "carbon-neutral" impact.

The \$28 tickets for the May 1 opening day are already sold out, but some vendors are selling them online for triple the \$23 price for a non-peak day.

The crowding, especially on peak days when up to 800,000 are expected, may exceed anything most people have experienced. The largest yearly gathering of people in the world, the Islamic hajj pilgrimage to Mecca, draws only 3 million, versus the Expo's expected 70 million total.

ELAINE KURTENBACH (AP)

Curious George Gets an Exhibit in N.Y.C.

Museums

Ever wonder why Curious George is so curious? Or why the monkey hero of the "Curious George" children's books is so fond of travel and so prone to mischief, yet always narrowly escapes disaster?

A new exhibit at New York's Jewish Museum suggests that curious readers need look no far-



Original drawings of Curious George are on view at New York's Jewish Museum.

ther than the real-life adventures of the intrepid husband-and-wife team who created the beloved character.

H.A. and Margret Reys, German Jews who fled Paris in 1940 on the eve of the Nazi invasion, created the monkey character that is always on the run while they themselves were on the run.

The exhibition features nearly

80 original drawings and vibrant watercolors for the more-than 30 books the couple wrote and illustrated. The most famous, of course, is "Curious George."

The exhibit will be on view at the Jewish Museum through Aug. 1, then it'll travel to the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco, where it will run from Nov. 14 through March 16, 2011. ANN LEVIN (AP)

Real Deals

SOUTHERN AFRICA TOUR

\$1,099 This 11-night tour features one night at the Airport Game Lodge in Kempton Park near Johannesburg, South Africa; one night at Blyde River Canyon in South Africa; two nights in Kruger National Park in South Africa; two nights each in Maputo, Mozambique; Swaziland; and Zululand, South Africa; and one night at the On the Beach Guesthouse in Durban, South Africa; 10 breakfasts, nine lunches and seven dinners; and guided sight-seeing throughout, for \$1,099 per person — including all taxes and fees.

WHEN: Depart April 3; May 1, 22; July 10; Aug. 4, 21; Sept. 11; Oct. 9, 23; Nov. 27; and Dec. 25, 2010.

DETAILS: Airfare is not included. Contact Gapadventures.com.

PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

\$1,399 Take a 15-night sail from Fort Lauderdale to San Francisco, with a transit through the Panama Canal and stops in Jamaica; Colombia; Costa Rica; and Mexico. The deal includes accommodations in an ocean-view cabin aboard the 2,046-passenger Celebrity Infinity; and a one-way return flight from San Francisco to Fort Lauderdale via American, Continental or Southwest Airlines, from \$1,399 per person — plus taxes, fees and port charges of \$299.

WHEN: April 25, 2010.

DETAILS: Contact Travelthemesand-dreams.com.

FOUR NIGHTS IN LAS VEGAS

\$472 This deal includes round-trip airfare from D.C. on American Airlines, four nights at the five-star Encore at Wynn Las Vegas and hotel taxes, from \$472 per person — plus \$31 in airport taxes. **WHEN:** April 4–8; May 10–14, 17–21; May 31–June 4; June 13–17, 21–25; and June 28–July 2, 2010.

DETAILS: Contact Aavacations.com.

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A Whiskey Rebel

One writer distills his own moonshine with intoxicating, informative results

Drinking

Most people associate the concept of moonshine-making with corn-cob-smoking “Deliverance” types. But the tradition of distilling your own liquor — and the fight over its legality and taxation — is as American as apple pie, or hard apple cider, at least. It can also be big, (albeit under-the-bar) business. Writer Max Watman took a gulp of both the history and the mechanics of DIY whiskey in his book, “Chasing the White Dog: An Amateur Outlaw’s Adventures in Moonshine” (\$25, Simon & Schuster). We caught up with him about hooch-making’s colorful past and how he (shhh, don’t tell the ABC) cooked up a few batches of his own.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

What made you interested in moonshine?

I grew up in the Shenandoah Valley, where it was part of the culture. But this was also spurred on by a news story from a few years back, where a giant still exploded in Philadelphia. It surprised me what a volume of moonshine there is. There’s a lot of money in it.

Well, who is making illegal whiskey, and why?

I think there’s always been a small sideline industry of people making corn whiskey or apple brandy. Their product is headed toward Christmas gifts and bluegrass festivals. And there are hobbyist crowds, who work in small volumes. They’re either Smoky Mountain traditionalists or farmer’s market, slow-food people.

So, give me a crash course in making hooch.

It’s simply taking a fermenting



wash — for whiskey, it’s a mix of grain, water and yeast that’s been fermented — then separating the alcohol out of that by distilling it. Alcohol boils at 174 degrees Fahrenheit, and water boils at 212 degrees, so you have some room there. Then you repeat until you get the cleanest, purest alcohol. It’s about boiling off the nasties — paint thinner, nail polish.

Tour

Hooch Beautiful

Revisit the era when all hooch was illegal on Garrett Peck’s Prohibition Walking Tours (Prohibitionhangover.com), which visit D.C. sites like ex-speakeasies. Next tours: May 22-23.

Is it harder to make whiskey than to brew beer?

No, it’s the same process. You just don’t add hops. It’s harder to get beer to taste good, because you drink everything in the wash.

Any misconceptions about these home-distillers?

People imagine that moonshine is the product of lazy hillbillies in dirty overalls with rusty guns.

“People imagine that moonshine is the product of lazy hillbillies in dirty overalls.”

But it turns out that moonshine is a multimillion-dollar network, with cell phones.

Well, why is it illegal for me to make moonshine at home? I can make my own beer — why not bourbon?

I think it’s because there’s a huge amount of money to be made, an opportunity for the government to tax. It was the first tax to be levied on American citizens — look at the Whiskey Rebellion back in the 18th century. It’s a hard industry to control, though.

In the book, you seem to be saying that small-scale, legal distilleries are making a resurgence.

I really think it is. After Prohibition, there were about a dozen distillers, and now we’re brushing up on 200. The four big distillers in America are being augmented by local guys.

What’s your favorite way to enjoy whiskey?

It’s different with moonshine. It’s usually drunk socially, out of a jar being passed around. But whiskey is more often an aesthetic experience. There’s a lot more tasting.

Can you put moonshine into a cocktail?

It makes a great sour or Collins, particularly if you are talking about white whiskey.

Extra Helpings

LEGAL OR NOT, HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO RAMP UP YOUR ENJOYMENT OF WHISKEY.

Shot Put In

Make ice shaped like ammo — AK47 bullets, to be exact — to drop into your glass of bourbon, Jameson or whatever using a subversive ice tray. (\$15, Charlesandmarie.com)



Quaff Study

Virginia Lightning, one of two white corn whiskeys made in the state, goes down like a mouthful of fire. (\$15, Virginia liquor stores)



Spotted at The Bar

Whether you like your moonshine (or Jack Daniel’s) neat or on the rocks, a Sabre glass provides a sip with a view of what you’re drinking. (\$90 for six, The Hour, 1015 King St., Alexandria; 703-224-4687)



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WILL THE HEALTH CARE BILL HURT DEMOCRATS IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS?



"Yes, Democrats nationwide will be devastated for passing this bill against the people's will."

COMMENTER COMMON KEVIN

"Absolutely not. Sanity will prevail, and the Democrats will retain control of the Senate and House."

COMMENTER FRANK

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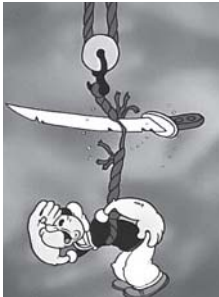
"Kate Gosselin's performance was uncomfortable and awkward, to say the least. She was stiff, off time and completely all over the place. Don't quit your day job, Kate. Oh, wait, this kind of IS your day job."

— CELEBRITYSMACKBLOG.COM WAS NOT IMPRESSED WITH THE REALITY TV STAR AND MOTHER OF EIGHT'S SKILLS ON THE SEASON PREMIERE OF ABC'S "DANCING WITH THE STARS."



"On the one hand, he seems like your super-fun, booze-soaked uncle who always lightens the mood at family gatherings. On the other hand, how did your super-fun, booze-soaked uncle get to be vice president of the United States?!"

— VIDEOGUM.COM HEARD VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN CURSE ON LIVE TELEVISION AFTER BIDEN INTRODUCED PRESIDENT OBAMA AT THE HEALTH CARE BILL-SIGNING CEREMONY ON TUESDAY.



"I, too, loved Popeye when I was a kid, but I don't remember being blown away by the level of animation. I just remember some old dude eating spinach who happened to have something severely wrong with his forearms."

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A lack of communication is likely to result in an awkward situation that only you can resolve, but it will take some careful negotiations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be willing to comply with all rules and requirements. If not, you can expect to encounter a good deal of resistance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have to engage in some fence-mending before the day is out. Ultimately, however, your position will be recognized as correct.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An issue you feared would emerge — but hoped would not — is likely to be the center of attention before the day is out. Be honest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Though you may find yourself in an uncomfortable position, in the end you'll be laughing about how ridiculous it all was.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be the one to demonstrate just how serious certain issues really are at this time. Adopt a sober attitude; be circumspect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Just do your job, without trying to attract any unusual attention to you or your cause. A low profile will serve you well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) It may be time to circle the wagons in order to protect yourself and others from a coming storm. This too shall pass.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are likely to hear stories about your own past, and you will have the chance to prove that things do change for the better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You will want to follow your well-established routine — even though there are a few unusual tasks to be tended to at the right times.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your reputation precedes you, and you may have to work hard to demonstrate that you're not the same person you were so long ago.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 213

E ₁	E ₁	U ₁	R ₁	F ₄	F ₄	S ₁

4th Letter Triple

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RACK 1

E ₁	O ₁	T ₁	C ₃	L ₁	R ₁	H ₄

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RACK 2

A ₁	A ₁	E ₁	E ₁	L ₁	T ₁	B ₃

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RACK 3

A ₁	E ₁	U ₁	N ₁	N ₁	K ₅	T ₁

Double Word Score

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

B ₃	A ₁	R ₁	R ₁	A ₁	G ₂	E ₁	RACK 1 =	80
F ₄	O ₁	R ₁	G ₂	E ₁	T ₁		RACK 2 =	10
A ₁	U ₁	T ₁	A ₁	R ₁	C ₃	H ₄	RACK 3 =	63
S ₁	O ₁	C ₃	I ₁	E ₁	T ₁	Y ₄	RACK 4 =	62
PAR SCORE 145-155								TOTAL 215

FOUR RACK TOTAL

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Sudoku

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1	6							
8			7			6	9	
7	5		9					
9							3	4

Yesterday's Solution

5	2	6	9	3	1	7	8	4
4	1	3	5	7	8	2	9	6
7	9	8	4	2	6	3	1	5
9	6	4	1	8	3	5	2	7
1	7	2	6	9	5	8	4	3
3	8	5	7	4	2	9	6	1
6	3	1	2	5	9	4	7	8
8	4	9	3	1	7	6	5	2
2	5	7	8	6	4	1	3	9

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68 | 44

Today: Mostly sunny, breezy and warmer today. Clear tonight.

63 | 51

Tomorrow: Some sunshine giving way to clouds tomorrow. Rain tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

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57 | 36 54 | 38 61 | 40

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:06 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:24 p.m.
Moonrise today: 1:14 p.m.
Moonset today: 3:24 a.m.

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ACROSS

1 Seize
4 It's attached to the left ventricle
9 Kuwaiti currency
14 "Starpeace" artist Yoko
15 Cut ewe down?
16 Parisian school
17 Ecstatic
20 Two-purpose
21 Glossy fabrics
22 Part of a dock
26 Brief explosive
27 Historic time
30 Bridge authority
Culbertson
31 Turner of tunes
33 Like nuclear energy
35 Bert and Ernie's street
37 Thorn in one's side
38 Heads of state get-together
42 Dish describer
43 New Delhi dresses (var.)
44 Symbols of authority
47 Rock musician Lofgren
48 Where to get "Lost"
51 "You ____ here" (map notation)
52 007 creator Fleming
54 Pip's love in "Great Expectations"
56 Soldiers' weapons
59 Sheep's cry
60 Hint of the whole
65 Get ____ start (be tardy)
66 Unhealthy emission
67 Romanian monetary unit
68 ____ flush (highest poker hand)
69 What dictionaries help with
70 N.Y. time zone

DOWN

1 Soup strip
2 Kind of report
3 Field of plants?
4 Dangerous coiler
5 "Gotcha!"
6 One who may OK a KO
7 Makes a doily
8 Nirvana attainer
9 Erie Canal's Clinton
10 Religious image
11 Viking shipmate
12 ____ of the above
13 Purple minus blue
18 Long familiar
19 Sicilian tourist draw
23 Something on the agenda
24 Decree ____ (legal term)
25 Swat-table pests
28 Band at a reception?
29 Smash from Federer, maybe
32 Middle Eastern capital once called Philadelphia
34 Eastern sashes
35 Self-important
36 Like Halloween sounds
38 Lightly blacken

39 Take advantage of, in a way
40 Seafood choice
41 Litmus ____
42 Degree held by many a CEO
45 Designer of a famous French tower
46 Tar on deck
48 One of a gene pair
49 Turns the music way up
50 Violin string material, once
53 Jacket named for an Indian
55 Fall back, as the ocean
57 Teeny amount
58 Saline septet

60 Pit goo
61 U.N. agency
62 Actress/director Lupino
63 Part of a gearwheel
64 Naut. heading

Yesterday's Solution

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A	S	K	S	P	E	E	P	T	R	U	C	E
R	E	N	O	A	N	N	O	R	R	A	L	
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B	I	T	E	Y	O	U	R	T	O	N	G	U
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P	A	S	T	S	Y	O	K	E	G	A	U	D

Today in History

1989 The worst oil spill in U.S. territory occurs when the supertanker Exxon Valdez runs aground on a reef in Prince William Sound in southern Alaska. About 11 million gallons of oil eventually spilled into the water.

1998 Mitchell Johnson, 13, and Andrew Golden, 11, fatally shoot four classmates and a teacher at a Jonesboro, Ark., school. Ten others are injured.

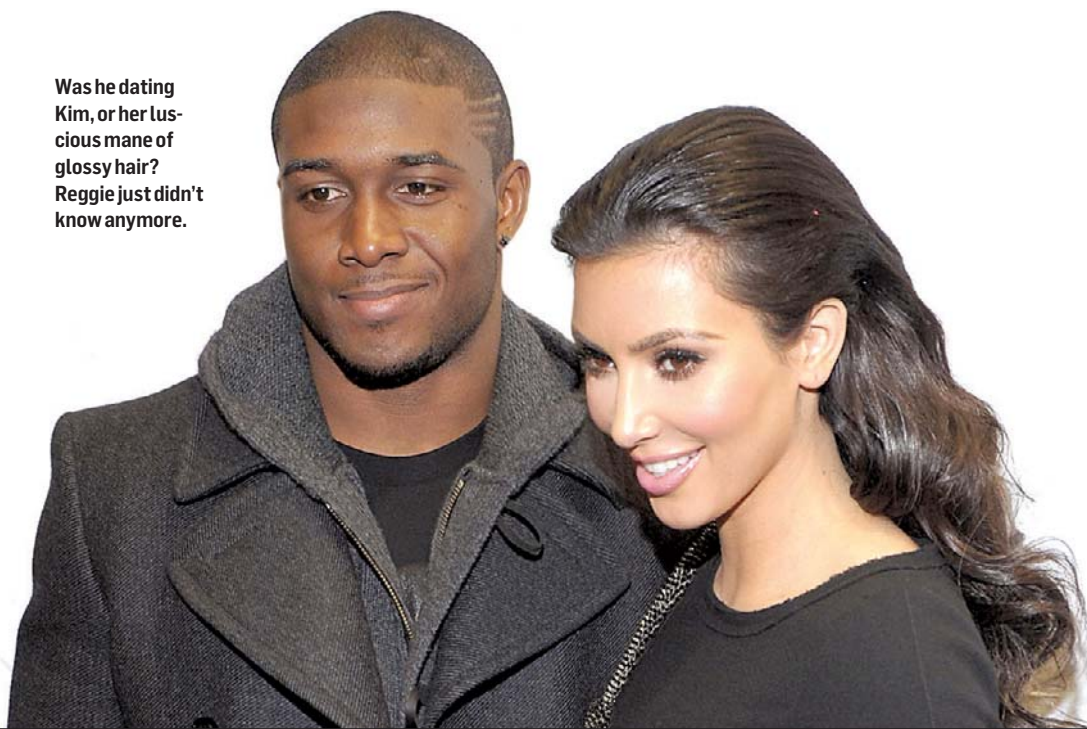
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Was he dating Kim, or her luscious mane of glossy hair? Reggie just didn't know anymore.



NO RING, NO KID ...

Kim's Not Keeping Up

Rumors of a Kim Kardashian-Reggie Bush breakup surfaced Tuesday, with E! Online reporting that the two have definitely split, but Usmagazine.com citing sources that said the pair "aren't sure where their relationship will go." Kardashian's notoriety seems to be the issue, however: "Her fame is just a little too much for him to handle," a source told Us. "He just can't keep up." (EXPRESS)

NEWS

TMZ Now a Credible Source; Journalism Dies

Dueling reports have emerged from the Sandra Bullock-Jesse James scandal. According to TMZ.com, both parties have been interviewing divorce lawyers. (TMZ pegs Bullock's top pick as Lance Spiegel, who handled splits for Charlie Sheen and Heather Locklear.) A representative for Bullock, however, told E! News that such rumors are "completely false." (EXPRESS)

EMPLOYMENT

Hallmark Hall of Fame Can't Pay ALL the Bills



The cast of the 1960s TV comedy "The Patty Duke Show" reunited Tuesday to promote the Social Security Administration's service allowing baby boomers to apply online for retirement and Medicare benefits. "The most wonderful thing for me is I was volunteering in an altruistic way," said Duke, 63. She became the spokeswoman for the Retire Online campaign last year. (AP)

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Archaeology



Host Found in Roman Ruins

Jerry Springer will host a dating game series, "Baggage," on the Game Show Network. Debuting April 19, the show gives three contestants the chance to win the eye of a prospective date. The hitch: They have to reveal their faults and foibles. (AP)



IDEAS

Laughter and Love Team With Afternoon for Bold New Television Concept

Rosie O'Donnell says she's looking to come back to daytime TV with a show about "laughter and love in the afternoon." O'Donnell said that the show will not be political or celebrity-driven, but will focus on a single-topic. (AP)



"At 31, there's still so much more I need to know about myself before I can completely give the perfect version of me to someone."

— JENNIFER LOVE HEWITT, WHOSE ADVICE BOOK, "THE DAY I SHOT CUPID," WAS RELEASED TUESDAY. SHE AND JAMIE KENNEDY SPLIT LAST WEEK.

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